



# **Hartford Police Department**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Acting Chief of Police,  
Mark Pawlina**

**Major Crimes Commander,  
Lieutenant Paul B. Hammick**

On June 16, 2004, at approximately 11:40 p.m., Hartford Police Department Patrol Units responded to 209 Capen Street, The Smoker's Stop convenience store, on the report of a person shot. Upon arrival, officers located a male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. The victim was immediately transported to St. Francis Hospital via ambulance where he was subsequently pronounced dead at 12:49 a.m. The victim, a store employee, has been identified as Jose Rodriguez, age 49, of Hartford.

The Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes and Evidentiary Services Divisions began an immediate investigation into this incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Al Henderson of the Major Crimes Division at (860) 527-6300, ext. 5299, or the Hartford Police Department at (860) 527-6300 immediately.

Sergeant David Polletta  
Supervisor, Major Crimes Division  
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